

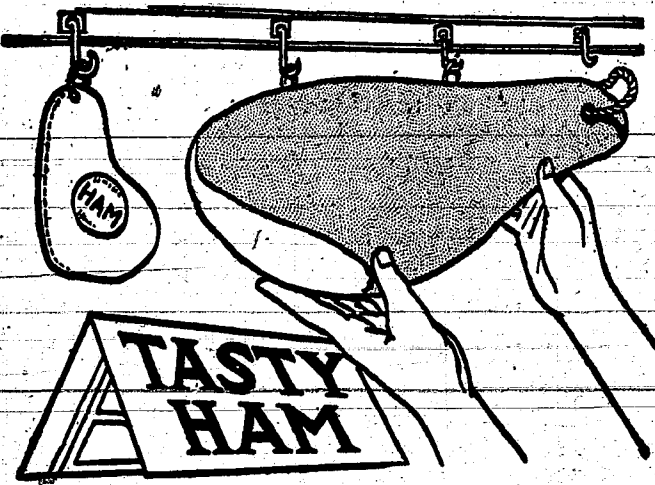
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## Youngest Officer in U. S. Army at Ft. Douglas.

"The youngest commissioned officer in the regular army of the United States who rose to his rank from an enlisted man is at Fort Douglas. He is First Lieutenant H. C. Sweeney, one of the most popular officers of the crack Forty-third regiment.

Lieutenant Sweeney has just passed his twentieth birthday and despite his youth his name has been submitted to the senate for promotion to the rank of captain. A common phrase among young officers of the army is "fourteen years to a captaincy," which rule has generally held good in times of peace. Sweeney, however, is assured of attaining his captaincy after two years' service for Uncle Sam.

An interesting part of the remarkable rise of the young officer is the fact that he enlisted as a private when 18 years old, and even before he had finished his high school education. He readily adapted himself to soldier life and after one year service in the ranks he took the examination for a commission. The success of his examination rewarded him with the rank of second lieutenant. Less than three months after attaining his commission, Sweeney was promoted to first lieutenant. He is now the senior officer of that grade at the post.

"After receiving his commission as captain in the regular army, the youthful officer may be chosen for duty with the national army and given the rank of major. In the event this is done within the next ten months Sweeney will be in command of hundreds of men even before he is old enough to vote. A major before the age of 21 will not only set a new record in American army history, but also in the history of perhaps all other armies of the world."

The above article was taken from the Fort Douglas weekly, published at Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 15, 1917. Lieut. Sweeney was located at that place for nearly a year. At present he is commanding a battalion at Ft. Pike, near Little Rock, Ark. Together with the above write-up, the Fort Douglas publication printed a fine

## The Liberty Loan And Germany.

The military masters of Germany have maintained an attitude of assumed great contempt for America's war preparations and America's participation in the war. The Kaiser, Hindenburg and Hertling have all voiced this contempt. Yet there are evidences in plenty that in fear of America's entry into the war next spring Germany is massing tremendous forces on the western front, is preparing to hurl masses of men into the jaws of death in a desperate effort to reach a conclusion before the might of America becomes effective.

The two Liberty Loans in this country no doubt had a great psychological effect upon the German mind.

The ease with which the tremendous sums of money were raised, the enthusiasm of the workers and of the subscribers and of, indeed, the whole Nation, and the heavy oversubscription to both loans are evidences that can not be disregarded that the American people are in earnest, that they are behind the American Army and the American Government, and are willing to make the sacrifices required and to support to the utmost our Nation at war.

That money talks is an old proverb, and the voice of the billions of dollars representing the First and Second Liberty Loans was heard across the sea and carried conviction even to the oppressed Germans.

## Card of Thanks.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to friends and neighbors for their many kind acts, words of sympathy, and for the beautiful flowers contributed during the illness and death of our father.

HARRY HUM,  
CLYDE HUM.

A halftone picture of the Lieutenant. In order to make a correction to one statement in the above article, we wish to state that Sweeney was a graduate of Grayling high school before he entered the service.

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## NEW DOG TAX LAW DRASTIC

PUTS RESPONSIBILITY UP TO OWNERS.

### Duty of Police Officers to Destroy Dogs Not Licensed.

There has been a material change in the law regulating the tax upon dogs; in fact all prior acts are repealed by Act No. 347 Public Acts of the session of 1917. Undoubtedly a quotation of the statutory provisions relative to the matter in question will be of material interest to the owners of the canine family at this time. The same reads in part as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the owner of any dog or dogs to keep the same confined to the limits of his or her own premises to which such dog or dogs regularly belong, "in such manner as to make escape impossible," except when accompanied by the owner, caretaker or custodian of such dog or dogs, or when wearing a tag as hereinauth provided.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of each owner of any dog over four months of age, on or before the first day of February of each year, to secure from the clerk of the village, or township in which he or she may reside, "a metal registration tag" showing the name of the township or village and license year and the clerk's registration number thereon, and such tag or device shall be securely fastened to the collar of the dog and constantly worn by such dog.

The clerk of the village or township shall keep a registration book for such purpose and enter therein the name of the owner and the number of each tag applied for, together with a description of each dog licensed. "The owner shall pay to the clerk the sum of \$2 for each male dog and each spayed female dog (when the certificate of a veterinary surgeon that such female dog has been spayed has been presented to such clerk), and the sum of \$5 for each unspayed female dog for each tag issued." Provided however, That in case of dogs kept solely for breeding purposes, and confined in kennels, the fee shall be \$1 for each male dog and \$2 for each female dog so kept.

Section 4. (portion) It shall be unlawful for any one to permit any dog owned by him or her to be at large without said license tag, and it shall be the duty of all sheriffs, constables and police officers to enforce the provisions of this law.

Any of the officers aforesaid shall have authority to destroy, and it shall be his duty to destroy any dog or dogs found at large in violation of the provisions of this act.

Section 9. (penalty) "Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$25, or to imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both such fine or imprisonment at the discretion of the court."

Remarks.—To sum up—it can be readily seen that it is imperative that the owner of a dog must procure a license tag, "unless such dog is confined so as to make escape impossible which would spell—solitary confinement for poor Fido, or when in the immediate custody of the owner etc."

"Also that said owner must secure said license tag during the month of January, and it will be necessary for them to appear at the office of the township clerk whereupon the same will be issued."

The fund created by this act will be expended for the payment for loss caused by the killing or wounding of livestock (not merely sheep) by a dog or dogs.

### That Last Half Hour of Guard.

You can keep a soldier hiking, For a hundred miles or more; You can have him digging trenches, Until every muscle is sore. You may overwork him daily, Until he's nothing but a hard, As when he's slowly walking post. On that last half hour of guard. When his rifle sags his shoulder, And hunger's gnawing at his frame, But still his best, he's doing.

Just to show that he is "game," His eyes, for want of sleep, are heavy laden. And his feet seem to retard.

Just figure for yourself, Old Scout, It's his last half hour of guard. The minutes seem to drag along, As it's nearing time for mess; The hours seem like centuries.

Until it's time to rest. Yet, of all things, of all duties, There is nothing half as hard, As those nine hundred million minutes.

In that last half hour of guard. Corp. R. H. Leach, Co. L, 125th Inf.

### School Children to Tag Coal Shovels January 30.

The Fuel administration expects school children throughout the country to do the tagging work on "Tag-Your-Shovel-Day" which has been set for Jan. 30, planning to make it a school holiday.

In this extra effort to save coal for war purposes the Fuel administration will try to get a tag on every coal shovel in the country. On the face of each tag are the words: "Save that shovelful of coal a day for Uncle Sam. On the reverse side are hints for saving coal."

## School Notes

"It is true greatness to have in one the frailty of a man and the security of a god." Bacon.

The 7th B class have figured out that they might have dinner time all the time, if they could travel upon the earth at the same rate that it is turning but in the opposite direction.

The arithmetic students of the 7th grade are undecided as to whether there is any difference between "six dozen dozen" and "half a dozen dozen."

If you wish to know why we are having so much snow, ask the seventh graders. They are making a study of the physical conditions of our native state.

Someone made the statement recently that Great Lakes are salt water. Well, aren't they?

Our State department recently sent us President Wilson's stirring speeches, translated into German, which will be used in the second year class.

According to a Latin student "past" means after but a still better meaning is behind.

Solitary Saturn, king of gods, had one very bad habit. Do you know what it was? Why playing solitary, of course.

The German classes will soon begin the reading of two short stories by Herse, L'Arabbia and "das Madchen from Trepp. Both stories have an Italian setting.

If you are interested concerning the whys and wherefores in the arrangement of certain stars, ask the English literature students.

Emerson Bates is back from Detroit where he has been having his eyes treated preparatory to entering the military academy at Annapolis.

One of our seniors is not in school this week on account of company—Mr. Mumps and family.

We have nothing to say about the game in Bay City Friday, but come out and see the return game, and then you can draw your own conclusions about the teams and the way they play the game.

The entire school, after listening to the reading of appropriate articles on the use and history of flags, and singing several patriotic songs, assembled outdoors to see the new Stars and Stripes hoisted for the first time. A hearty and spontaneous applause broke out from the pupils as old Glory began to ascend. We believe there is lots of patriotism corked up in young America, which will assure the safety and honor of the Stars and Stripes.

Two large new Webster dictionaries have arrived. The fifth and sixth graders are the appropriators.

The United States history class is studying Secession and the Civil War.

6TH GRADE—JESS M'NEAL

The A class language compositions, "My Michigan and what it means to me" were very interesting.

The boys have organized an educational regiment, their aim being—"Let our object be our country, our whole country and nothing but our country."

Daniel Webster. They have decided that the best way to aid their country is through gaining an education.

The officers of the regiment are: Major General—Ernest Jorgenson Captain—Farnum Matson

Some of the objects for which they are working are—

1. Correct sitting and standing position.
2. Prompt obedience
3. Neatness
4. Co-operation (school)
5. Loyalty (school and country)

The girls have formed a Red Cross association. Their aims being the same as those followed by the boys.

Their officers are— Superior nurse—Olga Nielson Acting nurse—Helen Johnson.

Two of the best original patriotic quotations from the 6th B language class:

1st. The people of Michigan are my people, and during this war, I will bear with them, suffer with them, hope with them, and stand by them.—Frank Owens.

2nd. I am an American. I want to stand by the United States, and help to save its name from stain. I want to help Michigan, help the United States to save herself and Allies in the present struggle. To do so, I must have an education.—Frances Lagrow

The quotations were judged by teachers who were unacquainted with the children's writing. The names were detached from their papers. Other quotations will be printed later.

The 6th A class have just finished their outline of the Revolutionary war and it shows splendid thought.

The sixth B geography class are finishing the study of the Egyptian costumes which they have been studying during the past week.

FOURTH A, FIFTH A—OLIVER S. LARSON  
Oscar Larson has returned to school. He has been out with the mumps.

## CIRCUIT COURT CLOSED WEDNESDAY

WELLMAN CONVICTED FOR ATTEMPT TO MURDER.

### Strahly Acquitted of Selling Liquor to Minor.

The January term of Circuit court closed its session Wednesday afternoon, having disposed of most of the cases on the calendar.

Two criminal cases tried in this term of Circuit court attracted special public interest. The case against Clayton Strahly, charged with selling liquor to a minor, brought out a crowded court room.

In this case Mr. Strahly was charged with selling three glasses of beer to Lloyd Graham. The complaint was made by Graham's father, William J. Graham, an employee of the Michigan Central railroad.

Lloyd Graham testified that he purchased three glasses of beer the night of December 24 at Burton's saloon and was served by Mr. Strahly. Later in the same evening, he stated he also purchased whiskey from Strahly. He swore he was 18 years of age. Two other witnesses swore they saw Graham in the saloon that night but did not see him drinking. One young man, whose age, he gave as 18 years, said he was in the saloon three hours that night but did not see Graham drink anything. The saloon was crowded, he said, and he wasn't paying attention.

Mr. Strahly testified that he had no recollection of seeing Graham in the saloon that night.

The point raised by the defendant's attorney, Geo. L. Alexander, was that Mr. Strahly always used due caution before selling liquor to anyone of doubtful age, and in this case could not remember that Graham was in the saloon that night. Graham said he did not enter any other saloon that night. Sheriff Cody testified that he sent him (Graham) home off the streets in a drunken state.

In Judge Sharpe's charge to the jury he said that it was necessary that the Prosecution must first prove that the liquor had been sold to Graham and next that he must prove that the young man was a minor. These two points were proven by the testimony of young Graham, and the latter point substantiated by the testimony of his father and not contradicted by the defense. These two points proven, Judge Sharpe said, would be prima facie evidence of the intent to violate the law.

It was a long drawn out trial but the above seems, as we recall the events of the trial, to be the most important points of the case.

The jury was out but a few minutes and returned with a verdict of "not guilty."

The other case referred to was that of Isaac B. Wellman, charged with intent to kill and murder. This act was alleged to have been committed against Mike Brenner some time during the early part of December.

It seems that Wellman forged the name of Gordon McDonald to an order for a lunch at one of the local restaurants. The case was reported to Marshal Brenner when he came on duty that night, and, after investigation,

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tion, he apprehended Wellman, and while taking him to jail, Wellman suddenly pulled out a revolver and fired at the officer, striking him just below the right jaw, inflicting a flesh wound about one and one half inches long.

Wellman was defended by Attorney James B. Ross of West Branch. The contention of the defense was that Wellman was intoxicated at the time and did not know what he was doing.

The statutes say that intent to murder is where a person of sound memory and discretion unlawfully kills any reasonable creature in being \*\*\* with malice preterse or aforethought either express or implied.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Sharpe stated that the defendant might be found guilty in any one of four degrees, according to the judgment of the jury as follows: The most serious would be to find him guilty of attempt to kill and murder, as charged; assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder; assault and battery, or plain assault. The jury returned with a verdict of intent to kill and murder, as charged. Wellman was sentenced to Jackson prison for a term of from five to ten years.

The case of Christian Peterson, convicted of larceny at the November term of court, wherein sentence was postponed, was continued. Peterson paid part of the expenses incurred during the trial and also reimbursed the party losing the property.

It is expected that no further sentence will be applied after all costs are paid.

Levi Abbott, charged with assault with intent to carnally know, was unable to get to Grayling for trial because of the lack of train service. His case was put over to the April term.

James Coyer, charged with larceny, was found guilty and sentenced to from one to five years in Ionia prison.

William Hicks, charged with larceny, pleaded guilty and was sen-

tenced to from one to five years in Ionia prison.

The following chancery cases were finally disposed of:

Lewis G. Cook vs. Leulla Cook, divorce, dismissed.

Bert Eagon vs. Alice Eagon, divorce, decree granted.

Mary Kestenholtz vs. Arthur H. Gifford, bill to quiet title was granted.

Nemesius Nielsen vs. Lillian C. Nielsen, mechanic lien, case dismissed.

The petition of John Gross, for naturalization, was continued to next term to await an opinion of the supreme court of the U. S. Mr. Gross is an Austrian and thus an alien enemy.

Joseph Charron vs. Josephine Charron, divorce, decree granted.

Herbert Knibbs vs. Rachel Knibbs, divorce, decree granted. Plaintiff to pay \$30 per month for support of children.

Elizabeth Luoto vs. Konsta Luoto, divorce, decree granted.

## RESOLUTIONS

Camp Court, Grayling 652.

I. O. F.

Grayling, Mich. Jan. 15, 1918.

Resolved, That as a Lodge we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of our deceased companion in the sad hour of their affliction and trust that our all-wise Father will in his mercy comfort them.

Resolved, That we as a Lodge feel Mrs. Martha Hill's death as a personal loss.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for sixty days in her memory and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased companion, and be sent to the Crawford Avalanche for publication and that they be entered in the records of this Lodge.

Estelle Sullivan, Emma Cody, Maude Smith, Committee.

## War Can't Stop Us

It makes no difference in our appetites for good eats. But the question of the hour is, "where to get good, satisfying eats at medium prices."

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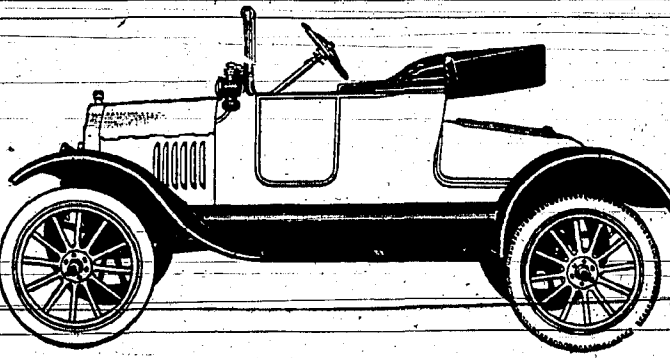
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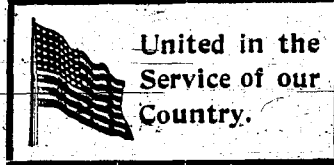
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#### Telling The Wrong Fellow.

Recently one of our reputable citizens happened to mention that too often people complain to the wrong party. "Instead of going directly to the responsible person and making their kicks or offering suggestions or talking a matter over in a fair-minded manner, they too often go about knocking to everyone but the right party."

Isn't it true? This is the case altogether too often. It is just simply a habit for some people to knock and they don't seem to wake up to the fact that they are making fools of themselves, and occasionally really injuring some innocent person, besides.

The average person invites friendly criticism, for in that manner they may become informed. A fair discussion generally reveals conditions that may be unknown to both parties.

When, for instance, your milk man has delivered sour milk when it should have been sweet, do you tell him? Or do you run all around to your neighbors and knock? Or the grocer has sent you an inferior brand or the wrong article, do you tell him and then after he has corrected his error, do you try and do him all the damage you can by scandalizing him to others?

When you read an article in the newspaper and it don't just suit, do you tell everybody but the reporter or the editor? Do you ever confer with your newspaper on matter that may concern you? Unless you do, you have no kick coming.

There is a way out of all this trouble. Whenever anything occurs that don't seem just right to you, go to your grocer, or your publisher, or your doctor, your lawyer, your school board, village council or whomever it may concern, and have a fair-minded talk over the matter. Then if things cannot be remedied and you are certain that you are RIGHT in your opinion, there may be some other way to make matters right—knocking will never do it, and if persisted in will only react with injury to yourself.

The most wonderful people on earth are just human, like yourself, and they make mistakes just as we do. And if they are truly great, they will gladly accept our honest criticisms when offered sincerely and in a friendly manner.

#### How Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

### Grayling Loses to Bay City Eastern High School, 20 to 21.

Grayling High school basketball quintette invaded Bay City High school fields Friday of last week and were defeated by one point.

The Eastern high started the game by making five baskets in rapid succession, by that time the Grayling high became acquainted with the floor which was a good deal smaller than their own and started in to even up the score which at the end of the first half was 13 to 13.

The Grayling boys started the second half by running up a nice lead on the Bay City team which they held until the last six minutes of play, when the referee called four personal fouls on them, the Bay City making three of these good, bringing the score up to 19 to 20 in favor of Grayling. Thompson and Romus being disqualified each having four personal fouls.

In the last 1½ minutes to play. Just before the time keeper's whistle blew Posa threw a basket, making the score 20 to 21 in favor of Bay City.

As the Bay City Times Tribune said, the only way that the Bay City team could surmount the Grayling score was by making free throws count. The four personal fouls mentioned above, in the writer's opinion, should not have been called, the game being of the rough and tumble sort due to the small court. No technical fouls were called at all.

The Grayling boys played a good game thruout, Thompson and the guards covering very closely and the forward doing the scoring.

### RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Grayling Lodge No. 356 F. & A. M.

Inasmuch as it hath pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, to call unto the Celestial Lodge our beloved brother John F. Hum,

AND, inasmuch as by his friendly demeanor, his many acts of kindness, and his exemplary habits brother Hum hath gained the respect and love of all,

AND, inasmuch as he hath cultivated those virtues sought by all worthy men,

AND, inasmuch as he hath been an earnest worker in the lodge, upholding its tenets with a loyalty worthy of all emulation,

THEREFORE, it is resolved by this lodge that each and every member hath lost a true friend and faithful brother.

AND, it is further resolved that this lodge hath sustained a serious loss, one that will remain long in its memory and be always recalled with deep regret.

AND, it is further resolved, that the sincere sympathy of each member be extended to the bereaved relatives, to those who have received so grievous a hurt that only the benign spirit of the Great Comforter and the kindly hand of time can heal.

AND, further, that a copy of these resolutions be published in the Crawford Avalanche as a last public act of respect,

AND, further, that a copy be sent to the afflicted relatives.

We commend our brother to Him, who in His infinite love and mercy marketh even the sparrow's fall.

Frank Freeland, Chas. Abbott, Arthur Maxwell, Committee.

Methodist Episcopal Church Notes. Services are held in the "Danebod" every Sunday. Morning service at 10:30 o'clock. Evening at 7:00 o'clock.

The Soap Berry Tree. The Jaboncillo, or soap berry tree, grows in the humid parts of western Ecuador. It attains a height of 50 feet and has wide-spreading branches and immense quantities of fruit of the size and shape of cherries. The nearby transparent yellowish skin and pulp surrounding the round black seeds are so saponaceous as to be used instead of soap, being equivalent to more than 50 times their weight of that material.

Can Remove Birthmarks. Birthmarks and other superficial growths that defiled chemicals have been removed with radium by English experts.

### WANTS TO GO "OVER THE TOP"

Frederic Boy in Signal Corps Service.

Fort Thomas, Kentucky, December 8, 1917.

Miss Edie Sherman, Frederic, Michigan.

Dear Sister:—

Rec'd your welcome letter this noon. It is snowing to beat the band. We have about 18 inches and it is still coming. We don't have to go out though, only to keep the walks clean and that only takes five seconds, they haven't enough brooms for us all, so I miss it once in awhile.

Oh! I like it fine here. We have good times as well as hard times. I am going to dinner, now. Will finish when I come back.

Back from dinner and we had a good dinner—bacon, beans, rice pudding, soup, celery, bread and butter, crackers. We have good eats and good clothes. I got two pairs of shoes, four pairs of socks, 3 suits of underwear, 2 shirts, 4 pairs of shoe strings, 1 pair of leggings, 2 towels, 1 tooth brush, 1 hair brush and comb, 1 suit, 1 overcoat and 1 hat and we can get another suit, 3 pair blankets and one more when we go away. Each man has a cot to sleep on.

Everything is neat, clean and right up to date. We had inspection in our platoon this morning, about 50 men in our building and we stood a hundred points.

There are about 7000 here at Fort Thomas. We have a nice Y. M. C. A. everything going.

We have to be in bed at 10:45 and if we are late we get from 5 to 16 days in the kitchen, washing dishes, floors, benches, tables and everything else. I haven't had to go yet and I am not going to either—I am going to be in bed.

I have been thinking of enlisting in the army for some time. I am crazy to get to France—I know—we will have to work hard when we get there. But if I get the job I want I will be right in my glory. I enlisted as a chauffeur in Signal Corps, aeroplane division. If I get what I enlisted for I will drive a car for the aeroplane division. I am going in to learn something, be something and come out with a reputation if possible. I have got the nerve and the goods to go with it.

I never told you folks what happened to me while I was working for the Village of Highland Park, Detroit, Mich. did I?

Well, while I was running the steam roller for those rolling asphalt, one Sunday I took a motorcycle went out on the street to do some work on the roller. When I got through working on it I went to Mt. Clemens on my way back there was some big car racing (this was on the lake shore drive out of Detroit). The cars were going about 60 miles an hour when they went by me, it made me sore so I cut it open and passed them all but one that was an Oldsmobile and that devil sure could go and so could I. I had a racing motorcycle that he urged to the police station. I made up my mind I was going by him and I did go by him. Just as I got by we came to a sharp curve in the drive and my front tire rolled off the wheel and the motorcycle turned completely over and smashed to pieces. I went about 40 feet struck my side on a street car rail and cut it wide open. I have the mark yet and always will have. I skinned my arms, legs and face.

It was in the country and the car rails were up above the ground. They took me home in the car and they went to get the motorcycle. I was in bed one day and the next day I sat up, the third day I went to work.

When we finished the work in the fall, they gave me a swell recommendation and told me to come back any time.

If the U. S. ever puts me in a car, motorcycle, truck or aeroplane I sure will go some, right over the top if they say so. All I'm hoping for is to get the chance.

No! I don't think I can come home for I think they are going to send us to Texas Tuesday or Wednesday but I will come home before I go to France.

Do not write to me unless you send it "care of" Y. M. C. A. and if I do go away, you will get it back. Do not worry for I am happy and mother's prayers are answered.

I will write often. Heaps of Love, Leon Sherman.

P. S. I am going to Texas Tuesday Dec. 11, about 300 of us.

Do not worry, the American boys are going over the top.

Everybody is happy and having a good time.

We received orders to go suddenly so I wrote this letter open to put this in. I want a brown sweater, without sleeves and collar and some wool socks that will come to my knees and a good chicken dinner as it is my time to treat my friends—"whoopie."

Do not write or send anything until you hear from me again. Heaps of love to all.

Lee Sherman.

Bad Habits. Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

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## Boys of the Country Are Proving Great Aid in War



The boys of the United States are doing much to help the country in the war crisis. This picture shows men of tomorrow learning trades at New York's Vocational school. One is doing electric wiring in the shop.

### Robert Burns Never Went To School, but Read and Wrote at Very Early Age

Robert Burns, the "patron saint" of Scotland, and undoubtedly one of the world's greatest poets, never went to school, relates London Tit-Bits. His father, although his income probably never exceeded the proverbial forty pounds a year, was a man of exceptional intelligence and a great reader, and the future poet of "The Cottar's Saturday Night" could himself read the Bible at an early age, and was writing verses when most boys are learning multiplication. It is quite possible that had Burns had great advantages instead of great reverses and hardships he would not have developed his peculiar gifts.

Perhaps the greatest of Lloyd-George's predecessors never went to school. This was Pitt the younger, the marvelous boy who talked on equal terms with the greatest men of his day at fourteen and was prime minister at the age of twenty-four, when the average young man is just beginning to earn his bread and butter. But Pitt had the advantage of a home education which would put the best schools in the shade.

### Sayings of a Cynic.

A warm friend is one who is willing to divide his cold cash.

The woman who hesitates has no second to tell.

You can get insured against any accident except marriage.

It is natural for some women to act unattractively.

Few students of human nature ever graduate.

Most men are too polite to adhere strictly to the truth.—Chicago Herald.

### Only Black Spot About the Polar Bear Is Tip of Nose

It has been pointed out that were a polar bear of a darker color, it would have no chance at all to stalk its prey, especially seals. The only black spot about it is the tip of its nose, writes Edwin Tarrisse. Sailors who first landed on the unexplored Arctic shores stated that the bears used to take them for seals and begin to stalk them on a considerable distance, lying down flat on their bellies and wriggling along in that position until they came to an ice hummock, when they would get up, peer over to see whether the "seals" were alarmed, and wriggle on again.

The sailors said that they could always see the black nose when the bear got near, but vowed that the animal put its paw over its muzzle to hide it.

### Our National Songs.

The United States has three songs which serve on occasions as national songs, but by historic associations and common consent one stands first, observes a writer. This is the "Star Spangled Banner," written in 1814 by Francis S. Key of Maryland, while the British were bombarding Fort Henry near Baltimore, and when the Americans did not know at what moment the fort might be captured or the flag shot down. While it has never been official, it is adopted as a national song—the circumstances under which it was written and its universal popular approval cause it to stand pre-eminent. The other songs of a national character but not so stirring or so popular are "Hail Columbia," written by Joseph Hopkinson, in 1783, and "America," by Samuel F. Smith, a Baptist preacher and poet, in 1832. The "Star Spangled Banner" easily holds first place.

Occupy Your Proper Place. Its continuous confidence in the ideal of your own making that compels success, observes an educator. Some men never question the possibility of defeat. They may have set-backs but not defeats. They are right and know themselves to be right. The rest of the world may be ranged against them for all they care. They have a mission and nothing short of it will satisfy. That's what you should have. Get the proper self-estimate and move up to your place.

### Influence of Good Sense Always Made Itself Felt in Guiding the Russians

"Next to free speech and free listening, free action is a popular pastime," writes William G. Shepherd in an article on distracted Russia published in Everybody's.

"Anarchists have seized palaces and newspaper offices and automobiles and paintings and even wealth. But in the midst of this apparent anarchy, this lack of government, there is always—and this is a astonishing fact—that has impressed the members of the American commission and all the other foreign statesmen who have come to Russia since the revolution—a checking influence of what we in the United States call 'common sense'."

"There is always somebody in a meeting who offsets wild speeches; somebody in a crowd who gives a matter a second thought and offsets and checks the man who wishes to act without thinking. There is an unexpected hardness about even the mobs. The country districts of Russia, thousands of its little towns, villages and cities, were being governed, three months after the revolution, by public opinion and common sense alone—and astonishingly well governed."

"But all this makes a weird world, full of weird happenings."

"Anything can happen in Russia these days. But the point I am making is that in Russia the influence of common sense has always made itself felt from the first day of the revolution, and the council of workmen and soldiers was a concrete embodiment of this characteristic at a time in Russia when peaceful anarchy ruled; when one opinion or theory was as good as another and when there was a machine gun behind every theory."

### Should Cease Our Grumbling Because of Inconveniences

There should be a damper put on the grumbling disposition. Things cannot run smoothly in these harrowing days. Every one thinks that he could manage things to perfection, but if he had to confront the new set of conditions he would likely change his mind, asserts the Ohio State Journal. Here is an institution that is ordered to cut off light, heat and service, and yet we wonder because we are inconvenienced. There are new conditions confronting us whenever we turn, and they all grow out of this horrid old war. They cannot be helped, though sometimes we think the situation might be improved, but we should not think the improvement should come all at once.

When we get used to our inconveniences they will seem easier, partly because they will be made lighter and partly because we will become more philosophical. But there is one suggestion which is that no one should permit the war conditions to stand in the way of a wise and thoughtful management of whatever interest he may control. The war adds duties to authority as well as to the people who bear the burdens.

### Use Logging Cars.

In the serious shortage of railway cars which has existed during recent months the lumber companies along with every other concerns, have utilized every available resource to obtain transportation facilities. A large lumber company in Louisiana found a way out of the difficult situation by taking 50 of its logging cars from its logging roads and making them up into one long lumber train. By this unusual arrangement it was able to transport 1,600,000 feet of lumber in a single trainload. The effort was so successful that the train has made a number of trips to the North.

Chamois Skin for Windows. Two pieces of chamois skin and a basin or pail of warm water are the best means for cleaning windows that one housekeeper knows of, so she says. One chamois skin she wrings out of the warm water and uses for washing the windows. With the other she dries them. She finds the chamois skin far superior to the ordinary rags and says that, if they are kept clean, they will last a long time. She uses the same method and materials for cleaning mirrors.

## Stockings

All Kinds, from the Finest Silk Lisle to Lumbermen's Heavy Socks

It is seldom that you will find a stock of Stockings quite so complete as that we have on hand at the present time. We have taken into consideration the wide variety of needs of the patrons that comes to our store.



### LADIES

You will find here just the grade of hosiery you may require for every day wear and also for afternoon and dress occasions. Our handsome line of silk hose in a large assortment of colors is specially attractive.

We also have fine lisle Hose in various styles and colors.

### MEN

For fine hosiery for men we can boast of as nice a line as you were ever offered in Grayling. Nice variety of shades.

For heavier wear we have fine Cotton and Wool Hose, Lumbermen's Socks, etc.

### Rubbers, Shoes and Sheep Lined Shoes

## SALLING, HANSON CO.

Established 1878

## WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No day taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

WANTED—A dining room girl immediately at the Russell Hotel.

COMPETENT woman wishes work, general housework, or will care for the sick. Leave word with Mrs. E. Matthews. 1-17-1

COMFORTABLE room for rent. Gentlemen preferred. Inquire of Mrs. Harry Hum, Michigan avenue.

FOR SALE—80 acres, eighty rods south of DuPont plant. Address L. J. Miller, Route 2, Sandusky, Mich.

Drying Devices.

The process of drying as means of preserving food for storage possesses great advantages over canning and cold storage, while employing practically every advantage obtained by those agencies, says a food specialist. Dehydration greatly diminishes both the bulk and weight of the material, making it both easier and cheaper to store and transport. The food value is concentrated, while at the same time preservation is secured by the removal of the water.

Does Not Know the Boy.

Cardinal Newman, while familiar with the life and thought of the university man, admits his failure to know the boy. Out of the mouth of Charles Redding's father he extracts the confession that "there is no telling what is in a boy's heart. He may look as open and happy as usual, and be as kind and attentive, when there is a great deal wrong going on within."

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces, expelling the poison from the blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Why You Should Eat More Bread

Because

Ten cents worth of flour contains

17 times as much energy as the same amount of eggs.

15 times as much as steak.

6 times as much as pork.

3 times as much as rice.

2½ times as much as potatoes.

Twice as much as beans.

The above figures are from government tests of the relative food values of the different articles of diet.

Our Bread is Perfect Bread

Every process of its manufacture has been reduced to an exact science. When you eat our bread you KNOW you are getting the MOST and the BEST for your money.

Model Bakery THOS. CASSIDY, Proprietor

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## EVERYTHING FOR THE BOUDOIR

In addition to a complete line of the purest drugs, we carry in stock Brushes, Combs, Manicure Sets.

The Purest Cold Creams and the Finest Soaps.

A hundred and one Dainty Things for milady's dressing table

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Phone 18

### Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Get your tires and tubes at Burke's garage.

A fine new flag flies from the school house these days.

Mrs. Louis Hammond of the South side has been quite ill.

Round Oak heating stoves and Round Oak Chief ranges. 11-11-11 P. R. Deckrow.

Mrs. Carl Mork of Detroit has been the guest of Mrs. Ailyn Kidston the past several days.

Miss Gertrude Force, of Lapeer is a guest of her sisters, Miss Amanda Force and Mrs. Ewalt.

Miss Lillian Bates is home from Rochester. The school in which she was a teacher, was closed for the lack of fuel.

Detroit Journal by mail—daily except Sunday and Avalanche one year, \$4.00. Hurry if you want to take advantage of this offer.

Attorneys E. M. Harris, and J. B. Ross of West Branch, and Hiram Smith of Roscommon, were represented at our term of court first of the week.

This to remind members of the Danish Church that "Missions-Kassen" will be opened Sunday. Those who have the mission work at heart will please consider.

Hotel Delmont at Gaylord, closed its doors for business January 3rd. Wm. Damoth, who conducted this place, has purchased the Star theatre of that place and will conduct same.

The workmen on the new Methodist church, now under construction, are making fine progress in spite of the cold and stormy weather. The gables are up and it looks as tho the roof would be on soon.

J. C. Foreman received word during the latter part of the week of the death of a sister in Detroit. The funeral was held at Ionia, but on account of the lack of train service, he was unable to be in attendance at same.

Christian Larsen, who has been visiting his sisters, Mrs. John Larsen and Mrs. Chris. Hanson for the past eight months, left here Monday night on his return home to Denmark. John Larson accompanied him as far as New York.

The annual business meeting of the Northeastern Michigan development bureau will be held at Bay City on Tuesday, January 29th. The evening meeting and get-together dinner is to be held at the Bancroft Hotel, in Saginaw that evening.

The members of the Loyal Order of Moose gave a card and dancing party at their club rooms Thursday evening of last week, which proved a very enjoyable affair. The wives and lady friends of the members were guests, and while the older people enjoyed themselves at cards, dancing with music furnished by Clark's four-piece orchestra, was great pleasure for the younger folks. At about eleven o'clock a serve-self luncheon was enjoyed. When Clark's orchestra, struck up "Goodnight-ladies," at 1 o'clock, everyone was reluctant to depart for their homes.

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Midland is to have a new community center building.

The school at West Branch is closed for the want of fuel.

Truman Ingram has been detained at home with the mumps.

Mrs. Wm. McNeven is just recovering from an attack of the mumps.

See Geo. L. Alexander & Son before purchasing automobile insurance.

Harry Hill returned home Tuesday from Wisconsin, after an absence of nearly two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon of Lovells are the proud parents of a baby boy, Lewis R.

There will be a regular meeting of Grayling chapter No. 83 O. E. S. on Wednesday evening Jan. 23rd.

A baby son, Freeman Cecil was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parker of the Southside Wednesday of last week.

Ex-county treasurer R. S. Houghton is assisting in the Bank of Grayling during the illness of Assistant cashier Holger Hanson.

The Danish young people society have sent out invitations for a dancing party at the Danish gymnasium Saturday night.

The annual Junior hop of Grayling high school will be held in the school gymnasium Friday night, January 25 Music by Fisher's College orchestra of Ann Arbor.

A scarcity of fuel at the school house causes some talk as to whether or not school will have to be closed for a short time. The school board is hoping to avoid any such action.

It is Postmaster M. A. Bates once again. He was officially appointed acting postmaster of Grayling last week succeeding John Hunn whose death occurred December 30 last.

Miss Nellie Charlefour was home from Cadillac the latter part of the week on account of the illness of her mother. Miss Charlefour has secured a good position in Cadillac, where she is making her home with her sister.

Miss Nellie Hoyt of Gaylord was the guest of her uncle, M. A. Bates and family over Sunday. On account of no train service Monday, Miss Hoyt was unable to return home. She however during her stay here assisted in the Postoffice.

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Mrs. Lars, Rasmussen is recovering from an attack of illness.

Dr. J. Atwood Whitaker of West Branch was in this city on business this morning.

Blankets! Blankets! Are they going? Well, come and see, at Frank's lemon colored store.

Red Cross benefit card party at the Social club rooms tonight—Thursday. You are cordially invited.

John Edwards was called to Norwalk, Ohio, Wednesday of last week on account of the sudden death of his father.

Sheriff Cody and Deputy Aloso Colleen left this morning with the prisoner, sentenced at this term of court for Ionia and Jackson prisons.

The resignation of E. S. Houghton as county treasurer, took effect last week Friday when Walmer Jorgenson of this city was appointed to fill out the remainder of the term.

The Wright hotel at Saginaw burned Monday night. Frank Ahman of this city was a guest there that night and escaped from the burning building by using a rope made out of bed sheets.

The Opera-house management presented their patrons with a vaudeville feature, Tuesday night, in the Hawaiian singers and musicians. The guitar, ukulele and violin were the instruments. They were very entertaining.

Delayed express has beaten us out of our four-page ready-print service this week, however we are giving our subscribers a good lot of local news in our four-page issue. Hope this won't have to happen often. Storms and war measures impose much sacrifice on all of us.

This advertisement, as I have said heretofore, isn't worth the space it's written on, but mind you, the way I am selling goods will certainly attract your attention and hundreds of others to this store. At these especially close times, stretch that dollar by going to Frank's! This ad should be a tonic to you besides the value in saving your dollars by trading at this store.

Frank Dreese.

The wives of the members of the Loyal Order of Moose, who organized a club about a year ago, held their annual election of officers at the Moose club rooms at the regular meeting Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Hans Petersen was re-elected as president, while the remaining offices were filled as follows: Vice President, Mrs. W. T. Hammond; Secretary, Mrs. Charles Sullivan; and Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. H. Cody.

Miss Agnes May Smith, oldest daughter of Mrs. James Smith of this city and Mr. Roy Frosch were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage Tuesday evening by Rev. Aaron Mitchell. The groom has been employed at the Walter Cowell tonorial parlors for the past two years, and is better known among his friends as "Dad." The young couple expect to make their home in Grayling, and are extended the best wishes and congratulations of their friends.

"The Little American" featuring Mary Pickford, presented at the Opera house under the auspices of the Junior class drew out the largest attendance that has been at the Opera house in many weeks. At the first performance every seat was occupied and scores of persons were standing. The second performance also had a full house. The play in itself, depicting battle scenes between the French and German troops at the west front was intensely exciting and interesting. The splendid patronage afforded this attraction netted the Junior class the nice sum of \$55.00. This will be used toward defraying expenses of the Junior hop which will be held in the gymnasium next week, Friday night, January 25.

The heaviest snow storm to visit this part of Michigan in many years, lasted several days during the past week resulting in the paralysis of railroad traffic. No trains reached Grayling after Saturday morning last until Monday afternoon, when a train made up at Bay City managed to reach this city. This train carried passengers only. No mail reached here over the M. C. R. R. from Saturday to Tuesday afternoon. During this time some mail was received over the Manatee & Northeastern. The Bay City division of the Michigan Central, running from that city to Detroit, suffered more from the storm than the Mackinaw division and no trains made passage over that line for four days. During it is period the people of Grayling and, of course other communities along the line, were without letters and newspapers from beyond Saginaw. With all the usual appreciation of newspapers, it was hard to realize that they would be so much missed. Following the heavy snow storm of Saturday were intermittent storms of less degree, together with some wind, causing heavy drifts and blocking the highways as well as railroads. The heavy township snow rollers finally made these highways fit for travel. During this time the weather has been cold but not severe. About 18 degrees below zero is the coldest reported. Railroad men claim that the region south of West Branch had more snow than we had in Grayling. South of Bay City and Saginaw the storm was still worse and traffic blocked. The lack of daily newspapers and mail in this city was only a small part of the inconvenience, for merchandise was being delayed all along the line. Had it not been that our merchants carried heavy stocks of food stuffs there might have been some hungry people in Grayling. These storms seemed to be general, and covered the region between the Rocky mountains and the Atlantic seaboard, and as far south as Mexico.

A. E. Michelson of Detroit, was in the city over Sunday and Monday.

New line of heating stoves just arrived. Prices right. Open evenings: F. R. Deckrow. 12-20-11

Miss Velista Z. Tonsch of Deward was a guest of Miss Edith Ostrom over Sunday enroute to Flint.

Why do so many working men buy their overalls and jackets at Frank's. Step in and see the quality and kind and you will know. Trade at Frank's.

Grayling Review No. 76, will hold their regular meeting at the G. A. R. hall Thursday evening, Jan. 17. District Deputy Mrs. Emma Salt will be present. Installation of officers. 7:30 o'clock sharp. All members requested to be present.

Hard for a lady to keep a secret, isn't it? Especially when she gets a bargain. She surely rushes to her next-door neighbor and the secret is soon disclosed. Ladies are good judges of bargains, and this is what happened in my store. I sold four coats the other afternoon, and the fact of it is, the price has got the secret going. And believe me, those coats are going some, and they are going to continue to move. Is it necessary to mention price? Well I'll say not. This advertisement should suffice—FOLLOW THE CROWD! Frank Dreese.

Ford Agent Geo. Burke don't intend to disappoint his prospective customers here next spring by announcing that he had been unable to procure cars. Last week the Ford company notified him that a certain portion of his quota was ready for delivery and that he would have to take them at once or lose the chance of getting them. Railroad transportation was out of the question and the heavy snow made the roads almost impassible, however Burke wasn't going to be cheated out of his cars. He engaged eleven Grayling—and Roscommon— young men and started with the crew for Detroit. They each brot back a car and the manager also did likewise. The flotilla of twelve Fords left Detroit, Monday noon of last week and arrived in Grayling Thursday night, all twelve drivers coming thru without mishap, more than getting stuck occasionally where the snow was heavily drifted. They bucked the snow and weather with much credit to the cars. Those from Grayling who assisted in the "drive" were: Geo. Burke, Henning Jorgenson, Carl Nelson, Francis McDermid, Oscar Deckrow, Joe Cassidy and Geo. Brown.

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BIGGEST MAN IN MANCHURIA

General Horwath Has Under His Control All of Northern Manchuria.

The strong man in control of the Chinese Eastern railway is General Horwath, general manager of the Chinese Eastern railway and virtually governor or commissioner of North Manchuria, though he of course bears no such title. Theoretically the Russian authorities in Manchuria only control the narrow zone of the railway. Actually the dictator of the whole of North Manchuria is General Horwath.

This railway and political lord is a big-man-in-every-way. Maynard Owen Williams writes in the Christian Herald. Six feet three in height, his massive head—with a long, straight nose and with a forked beard reaching almost to his waist—rises from a pair of shoulders so massive that they almost dwarf it. As he shook my hand I realized the immensity of the man, for my fingers were lost in his huge grasp. His face is kindly and honest. He is a giant Santa Claus in military uniform, with benignity and cordiality belying his great power. He has the love of most of the people and the respect and confidence of the whole foreign community. Under him Manchuria has had a wise and benevolent government, strong enough to preserve peace amid most aggravating conditions. But he served under the old regime. All his efficiency was as an official under the czar. For this he has had to pass under severe criticism by the representatives of the workmen and soldiers. But even they know that if his control is sacrificed, it is as harmful or removed from the field, anarchy alone can be the next page of Manchuria's history.

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COMING

S. G. SEARIGHT, OPTOMETRIST.

Will again be at McClain's hotel, to test eyes and fit glasses, on or about Feb. 5th. Will remain one week.

All Rips Sewed Free of Charge

With orders for Half Soles

The largest and finest selection of

Shoe Lacings Polishes and Dressings...

of any store in Grayling.

Also ARCH SUPPORTS and HEEL CUSHIONS.

Rapid Shoe Repair Shop

E. J. OLSON, Prop'r.

Next Door to Central Drug Store

Our Want Ads Bring Quick Results.

## Special Bargains for January

Genuine Clearance of Ladies' Suits and Coats and Girl's Coats—final reduction—

1-3 to 1-2 off

Ladies' Trimmed Hats

Values up to \$1.00 \$3.50 now

Values up to \$2.50 \$8.00 now

Best Grade Outing

Flannels, fancy light patterns

20 per cent off on

Men's Work Pants

Men's Union Suits

Men's Work Shoes

Men's Stag Coats

Men's and Boys' Mackinaws—final reduction—

25 Per Cent off

\$12.00 Mackinaws reduced to \$9.00

\$10.00 Mackinaws reduced to \$7.50

\$8.00 Mackinaws reduced to \$6.00

\$6.50 Mackinaws reduced to \$4.87

\$4.00 Mackinaws reduced to \$3.00

10 dozen Men's Heavy Work Shirts, to close

82c

60 pairs Bed Blankets, full size, per pair

\$1.75

Lonsdale Cambric special price, yard

19c

Men's Suits and Overcoats

January Clearance offers you some special values

1-4 off

on any suit or overcoat (Excepting Styleplus)

Boys' Suits

One lot Boys' Suits, all wool, sizes 10 and 11 only, \$5 and \$8 values

\$2.95

(With straight pants)

20 Per Cent off

on Ladies' Underwear, two-piece or union suits. Ladies' Sweaters. Children's Toques.

25 Per Cent off

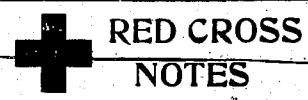
on Ladies' Felt Shoes and Slippers.

50 Pounds Regulation Army All Wool Yarn, Gray and Khaki, SPECIAL 85c Skein

**Grayling Mercantile Co.**

Phone 1251

The Quality Store



RED CROSS NOTES

Financial report Nov. 1-Jan. 15. Cash on hand Nov. 1.....\$706.39

RECEIPTS—NOVEMBER

Red Cross dance..... 47.21

Sale of needles..... 11.25

Red Cross Tea..... 20.50

DECEMBER

Membership fees..... 4.00

Lunch served at schoolhouse..... 21.27

Sale of needles..... 11.50



